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Cc: Mylott, Richard[Myllott.Richard@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan[Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; EOC Public Information[EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]; MacIntyre, Mark[Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Christie StClair
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 12:59:19 PM
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 5:53 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Daguiard, Robert

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 7:39 PM

To: StClair, Christie

Cc: Hull, George

Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 5:07 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, thanks George. Rich is now working this.

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From: Hull, George

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:01 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Daguillard, Robert; Press; EOC Public Information

Subject: RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Christie StClair [<mailto:StClair.Christie@epamail.epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 4:57 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert; Press

Subject: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Rich, can you tackle these?

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From: Daguillard, Robert

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:33 AM

To: StClair, Christie; Press

Subject: RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:25 AM

To: Daguillard, Robert; Press

Subject: Re: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

So do I need to do something here?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:27 AM, "Robert Daguillard"
<Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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Thanks all, R.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Lee, Monica
Subject: Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Daguillard, Robert

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM

To: Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard

Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

From: Cohen, Nancy

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard

Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

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Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy
Subject: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

All, I've sent this inquiry to Region 8 already, but it looks as though OSWER might want to take a look at the first two questions. Please let me know.

If we could get a response by COB Today, the reporter could run the story in tomorrow's paper. Please advise. Thanks, R.

From: Karl Mathiesen
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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